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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 1, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end October 1, 2008, this Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time. The Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 8.